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AS I am deſirous of beginning the new Year well, I ſhall devote this Paper to the Service of my fair Country-women, for whom I have ſo tender a Concern, that I examine into their Conduct with a Kind of parental Vigilance and Affection. I ſincerely wiſh to approve, but at the ſame Time am determined to admoniſh and reprimand, whenever, for their Sakes, I may think it neceſſary. I will not, as far as in me lies, ſuffer the Errors of their Minds to diſgrace thoſe beautiful Dwellings in which they are lodged; nor will I, on the other Hand, ſilently and quietly allow the Affectation and Abuſe of their Perſons, to reflect Contempt and Ridicule upon their Underſtandings.

Native, artleſs Beauty has long been the peculiar Diſtinction of my fair Fellow Subjects. Our Poets have long ſung their genuine Lillies and Roſes, and our Painters have as long endeavoured, though in vain, to imitate them; beautiful Nature mocked all their Art. But I am now informed by Perſons of unqueſtioned Truth and Sagacity, and indeed I have obſerved but too many Inſtances of it myſelf, that a great Number of thoſe ineſtimable Originals, by a ſtrange Inverſion of Things, give the lie to their Poets, and ſervily copy their Painters, degrading and diſguiſing themſelves, into worſe Copies, of bad Copies of themſelves. It is even whiſpered about Town of that excellent Artiſt Mr. *Lietard*, that he lately refuſed a fine Woman to draw her Picture, alledging, that he never copied any Body's Works but his own and GOD ALMIGHTY'S.

I have taken great Pains to inform myſelf of the Growth and Extent of this heinous Crime of *Self Painting* (I had almoſt given it a harder Term) and I am ſorry to ſay, that I have found it to be extremely epidemical. The preſent State of it, in its ſeveral Degrees, appears to be this.

The inferior Claſs of Women, who always ape their Betters, make uſe of a Sort of rough caſt, little ſuperior to the common Lath and Plaiſter, which comes very cheap, and can be afforded out of the caſual Profits of the Evening.

The Claſs immediately above theſe, paint occaſionally, either in Size or Oil, which at ſix Pence per Foot Square, comes within a moderate weekly Allowance.

The Generality of Women of Faſhion make uſe of a ſuperfine Stucco, or Plaiſter of *Paris* highly glazed, which does not require a daily Renewal, and will, with ſome ſlight occaſional Repairs, laſt as long as their Curls, and ſtand a pretty ſtrong Colliſion.

As for the tranſcendant and divine Pearl Powder, with an exquiſite Varniſh ſuperinduced to fix it, it is by no Means common, but is reſerved for Ladies not only of the firſt Rank, but of the moſt conſiderable Fortunes; it being ſo very coſtly, that few Pin-Moneys can keep a Face in it, as a Face of Condition ought to be kept. Perhaps the ſame Number of Pearls whole might be more acceptable to ſome Lovers, than in Powder upon the Lady's Face.

I would now fain undeceive my fair Country-women of an Error, which, groſs as it is, they too fondly entertain. They flatter themſelves that this Artificial is not diſcoverable, or diſtinguiſhable from native white. But I beg Leave to aſſure them, that however well prepared the Colour may be, or however ſkilful the Hand that lays it on, it is immediately diſcovered by the Eye at a conſiderable Diſtance, and by the Noſe upon a nearer Approach; and I overheard the other Day at the Coffee Houſe Capt. *Phelim M'Manus* complaining, that when warm upon the Face it had the moſt nauſeous Taſte imaginable. Thus offenſive to three of the Senſes, it is not, probably, very inviting to a fourth.

Talking upon this Subject lately with a Friend, he ſaid, that in his Opinion, a Woman who painted white, gave the Public a Pledge or her Chaſtity, by fortifying it with a Wall, which ſhe muſt be ſure that no Man would deſire either to batter or ſcale. But I confeſs I did not agree with him as to the Motive, though I did as to the Conſequences; which are, I believe, in general, that they looſe both *operam et oleum*. I have obſerved that many of the ſagacious Landlords of this great Metropolis who let Lodgings, do at the Beginning of the Winter, new vamp, paint, and ſtucco, the Fronts of their Houſes, in order to catch the Eyes of Paſſengers, and engage Lodgers. Now to ſay the Truth, I cannot help ſuſpecting that this is rather the real Motive of my fair Countrywomen, when they thus incruſt themſelves. But alas! thoſe outward Repairs will never tempt People to *enquire within*. The Caſes are greatly different; in the former they both adorn and preſerve, in the latter they diſguſt and deſtroy.

In order therefore to put an effectual Stop to this Enormity, and to ſave, as far as I am able, the native Carnations, the Eyes, the Teeth, the Breath, and the Reputations of my beautiful Fellow Subjects, I hereby give Notice, that if within one Kalendar Month from the Date hereof (I allow that Time for the Conſumption of Stock in Hand) I ſhall receive any authentic Teſtimonies (and I have my Spies abroad) of this Sophiſtication and Adulteration of the faireſt Works of Nature, I am reſolved to publiſh at full Length the Names of the Delinquents. This may perhaps at firſt Sight ſeem a bold Meaſure; and Actions of Scandal and Defamation may be thought of: But I go upon ſafe Ground; for before I took this Reſolution, I was determined to know all the worſt poſſible Conſequences of it to myſelf, and therefore conſulted one of the moſt eminent Council in *England*, an old Acquaintance and Friend of mine, whoſe Opinion I ſhall here moſt faithfully relate.

When I had ſtated my Caſe to him as clearly as I was able, he ſtroked his Chin for ſome Time, picked his Noſe, and hemmed thrice, in order to give me his very beſt Opinion. "*By publiſhing* "*the Names at full Length in your Paper, I humbly* "*conceive*, ſaid he, *that you avoid all the trouble-* "*ſome Conſequences of* Innuendo's. *But the preſent* "*Queſtion, if I apprehend it aright, ſeems to be,* "*Whether you may thereby be liable to any other* "*Action, or Actions, which for Brevity Sake I* "*will not here enumerate. Now by what occurs* "*to me off hand, and without conſulting my Books,* "*I humbly apprehend that no Action at all will lie* "*againſt you; but on the contrary I do conceive,* "*and indeed take upon me to affirm, that you may* "*proceed againſt theſe Criminals, for, ſuch I will* "*be bold to call them, either by Action or Indictment;* "*the Crime being of a public and a heinous Nature.* "*Here is not only the* ſuppreſſio veri, *which is* "*highly penal, but the* crimen falſi *too. An* Action "popular, *or of* qui tam *would certainly lie; but* "*however I ſhould humbly prefer an Indictment upon* "*the Statutes of Forgery*, 2 Geo. II. cap. 25, *and* "7. Geo. II. cap. 22. *for Forgery I maintain it* "*is. The Fact, as you well know, will be tried* "*by a Jury, of whom one Moiety will doubtleſs* "*be Plaiſterers; ſo that it will unqueſtionably be* "*found.*" Here my Council pauſed for ſome Time, and hemmed pretty often; however I remained ſilent, obſerving plainly by his Countenance that he had not finiſhed, but was thinking on. In a little Time he reſumed his Diſcourſe, and ſaid, "*All Things conſidered, Mr.* Fitz Adam, *I would* "*adviſe you to bring your Indictment upon the* Black "Act, 9 Geo. I. cap. 22. *which is a very fine* "*Penal Statute.*" I confeſs I could not check the ſudden Impulſe of Surprize which this occaſioned in me, and interrupting him perhaps too haſtily, "What, Sir, ſaid I, indict a Woman upon the "*Black Act* for *painting White?*" Here my Council, interrupting me in his Turn, ſaid with ſome Warmth, "*Mr.* Fitz-Adam, *Mr.* Fitz-Adam, *you,* "*like too many others, have not ſufficiently conſidered* "*all the Beauty, good Senſe, and ſolid Reaſoning* "*of the Law. The Law, Sir, let me tell you,* "*abhors all Refinements, Subtleties and Quibblings,* "*upon Words. What is black or white to the* "*Law? Do you imagine that the Law views Co-* "*lours by the Rules of Optics? No, God forbid it* "*ſhould. The Law makes white black, or black* "*white, according to the Rules of Juſtice. The* "*Law conſiders the Meaning, the Intention, the* "quo animo *of all Actions, not their external* "*Modes. Here a Woman diſguiſes her Face with* "*white, as the* Waltham *People did with black,* "*and with the ſame fraudulent and felonious Inten-* "*tion. Though the Colour be different, the Guilt* "*is the ſame in the Intendment of the Law. It is* "*Felony without Benefit of Clergy, and the Puniſh-* "*ment is Death.*" As I perceived that my Friend had now done, I aſk'd his Pardon for the improper Interruption I had given him, owned myſelf convinced, and offered him a Fee, which he took by Habit, but ſoon returned, by Reflection upon our long Acquaintance and Friendſhip.

This I hope will be ſufficient to make ſuch of my fair Countrywomen as are conſcious of their Guilt, ſeriouſly conſider their Danger; though perhaps from my natural Lenity, I ſhall not proceed againſt them with the utmoſt Rigour of the Law, nor follow the Example of the ingenious Author of our laſt Muſical Drama, who ſtrings up a whole Row of *Penelope*'s Maids of Honour, I ſhall therefore content myſelf with publiſhing the Names of the Delinquents as abovementioned; but others may poſſibly not have the ſame Indulgence; and the Law is open for all.

I ſhall conclude this Paper with a Word or two of ſerious Advice to all my Readers of all Sorts and Sexes. Let us follow Nature, our honeſt and faithful Guide, and be upon our Guard againſt the flattering Deluſions of Art. Nature may be helped and improved, but will not be forced or changed. All Attempts in direct Oppoſition to her are attended with Ridicule; many with Guilt. The Woman to whom Nature has denied Beauty, in vain endeavours to make it by Art; as the Man to whom Nature has denied Wit, becomes ridiculous by laying it on: They both defeat their own Purpoſes, and are in the Caſe of the Valetudinarian, who creates or increaſes his Diſtempers by his Remedies, and dies of his immoderate Deſire to live.

PARIS, February 7.

TEN Battalions of regular Troops will embark on board the Fleet equipping at Breſt and Rochefort, of which M. de Dieſkau, Brigadier of the King's Armies will have the Command.

Paris, Feb. 8. Notwithſtanding the Precautions that were taken to prevent Mandrin from penetrating farther after the Affair of Autun, he found Means to croſs Burgundy, and advance to the Confines of Auvergne, attended by thirty four of his Gang, and forty loaded Horſes. Four Companies of Volunteers, after purſuing him above 100 Leagues, came up with him at Sauveta, a Village between Puy and Langogne, where he received a conſiderable Shock, ſeveral Soldiers and ſixteen Smugglers being killed and wounded. Mandrin himſelf was taken by an Officer, but was releaſed by one of his own People, who ſhot the Officer, through the Head with a Piſtol. Mandrin's Lieutenant, called the Normand, being wounded in the Thigh, had concealed himſelf in a Village to get his Wound dreſs'd, where he was found by two Cavaliers diſguiſed like Smugglers, who ſeized and carried him to Valence, where he will ſoon be made a public Example of. Two others have likewiſe been taken and carried to the ſame Place. Mandrin is retired into the Mountains, where he cannot, however, long ſupport himſelf, though his People are perfectly well armed, and fight ſo deſparately, that there are no Hopes of reducing them but by Degrees.

Vienna,

Vienna, Feb. 1. Laſt Monday a conſiderable Number of Maſons and Carpenters ſet out for Hungary, to repair the Fortifications of that Kingdom. Tho' the Centinels are relieved every Half hour in the Night-time, two of them, who were ſtationed on the Ramparts, were ſo much affected by the Cold, that they died in a few Minutes after they were brought to the Guard-houſe.

Liſbon, Jan. 2. Letters from Compoſtella pretend to ſay, that the Kingdom of Gallicia is to be diſmembered from the Spaniſh Monarchy, and given to the Infant Don Lewis, his Catholic Majeſty's Brother, who will fix his Royal Reſidence at Compoſtella, and make it the Capital of his new Kingdom, on his Marriage with the Infanta of Portugal. But tho' theſe Letters add that they had already begun to ſettle the Boundaries between Gallicia, the Kingdom of Leon, and that of Aſturias, we cannot give Credit to this Piece of Intelligence, becauſe a Settlement of that Nature would infallibly become the Source of very fatal Diviſions; and, beſides, the Age of diſmembering is paſt.

LONDON.

February 15. By the laſt Accounts from Liſbon and Cadiz, it appears that there are at this Time in thoſe Harbours above an hundred Sail of Engliſh Merchantmen, ſome of which have been there a long Time for Want of Freights. When thoſe Ships ſhall arrive, it is not doubted but a ſufficient Number of able Seamen will enter on board his Majeſty's Fleet, to ſupport the Honour of the Britiſh Flag againſt any haughty Intruders.

We are well aſſured that two Men of War, one of 70, and one of 90 Guns, are ſailed for India: That Madagaſcar was well fortify'd, and not in any Danger, in Caſe of an Attempt from the Enemy on the Britiſh Settlements there.

We are aſſured that his Excellency Charles Knowles, Eſq; Vice-Admiral of the Blue, will, in a ſhort Time, be removed from the Government of his Majeſty's Iſland of Jamaica.

February 20. We hear that the Preparations now carrying on with ſo much Vigilance, to the Honour of the Miniſtry, which can only be paralleled by that in Queen Elizabeth and Cromwell's Time, will be continued, unleſs Hoſtages are ſent over from France, to prove the Sincerity of their Intentions to preſerve Peace with the Court of Great-Britain; and that in caſe of a Rupture, 150 Sail of Men of War will be fitted out with all the Diſpatch that is poſſible.

February 22. On Tueſday laſt his Majeſty's Royal Bounty, agreeable to Proclamation, was paid on board the Albany, Capt. Langden, at Deptford, by the Clerk of the Cheque there, to upwards of fifty Volunteers. This is the firſt Ship that has been paid. The brave Fellows expreſſed great Spirit on this Occaſion, and, with three Huzza's, wiſhed for an Opportunity to curb the Inſolence of the Enemy to the Britiſh Flag. A brave Encouragement for Seamen to enter.

The reigning Prince in Germany, who, we ſaid, the Week before laſt, was ſoon expected to declare himſelf a Roman Catholic, is the Marquis of Brandenbourgh Bareith, married to the King of Pruſſia's eldeſt Siſter. Is it to vex England, the firſt Proteſtant Power in Europe, that the German Princes are turning Papiſts, becauſe ſhe will not grant them Subſidies, which they want to enable them to ſet up Woollen Manufactories?

Our Correſpondent at Paris acquaints us, that the Reports ſo ſtrongly propagated of an Alliance concluded with the Court of Madrid, loſe Ground daily; and that it begins to be ſuſpected, they were calculated to keep up the Spirits of the People, notwithſtanding the Apprehenſions of a War, to which the Nation in general are averſe, from the Dread of an additional Load of Taxes to thoſe which are very grievous already.

February 26. The Newark and Kingſton are ordered to be got ready for Sea at Chatham; the Dunkirk waited only for a Wind on Sunday laſt, to proceed to the Nore.

The York and Weymouth, two ſixty Gun Ships, are put into Commiſſion at Plymouth.

The greateſt Part of the trading Veſſels at Plymouth are or will be transformed into Tenders for impreſſing Men into the Service. Five more were ordered to be hired there laſt Week. Admiral Moſtyn is very alert, nothing that can be done to make every Thing ready is left undone.

His Majeſty's Ship Arundel is arrived at Spithead, from the Downs with preſs'd Men.

On Sunday two Tenders, with preſs'd Men on board, ſail'd from the River to put them on board the Men of War lying at Chatham.

The Albion Sloop of War, now at Deptford, is ordered to Woolwich to take in her Guns, and from thence to proceed round to Spithead.

So noble a Spirit appears in the Nation at preſent, that to all Appearance our Eyes are opened, and the Treachery, Deceit, and Perfidy of our faithleſs Neighbours are no longer hid from us. We ſeem to know our real Intereſt at laſt, and reſolve ſteadily to purſue it.

It is ſaid, the French have offer'd to ſettle all Things *bona Fide*, according to the Treaty of Utrecht; but that our Court inſiſts on being paid the Expences occaſioned by their faithleſs Behaviour.

Letters received Yeſterday from France adviſe, that the Court has ſent Orders to erect Signals at certain Diſtances from Dunkirk all along the Coaſt quite into Britanny, in order to give the quickeſt Intelligence of what paſſes in the Channel; and that thoſe Signals are diſpoſed in ſuch a Manner, that whenever a Squadron of Ships ſail from England, it will be known at Breſt in 24 Hours.

On Friday laſt the Commiſſioners of the Victualling Office contracted with Mr. Lewis in Whitechapple for 500 Oxen, to be delivered in a certain Time.

Advices from the Hague ſpeak of War as a Thing inevitable; but with reſpect to any Augmentation of Troops, or equipping of Squadrons in that Country, we hear not a Word.

March 4. Yeſterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochfort was ſworn into the Office of Groom of the Stole to his Majeſty.

We hear from Southwold, that 70 brave Sailors having offered to ſerve as Volunteers on board his Majeſty's Fleet, the Lords of the Admiralty had ordered a regulating Officer thither to inliſt them, and a Tender to carry them on board his Majeſty's Ships in the Downs.

There were never a great Number of Coopers employed at the Victualling Office than now; notwithſtanding which, the Commiſſioners contracted laſt Week for 30,000 Caſks, to be delivered by other Coopers in a certain Time.

Rocheſter, Feb. 28. This Day the Prince, Dunkirk, and Litchfield, ſail'd for Blackſtakes, there to take in their Guns, and to proceed directly to the Downs. The Flag is now flying on board the Buckingham. Admiral Boſcawen is expected Tomorrow or Sunday, to hoiſt his Flag on board the Torbay. Orders came this Day to make ready eight 70 Gun Ships in this Harbour, which have not yet been mentioned. Artificers are expected from Deptford and Woolwich Yards to aſſiſt here. Every Thing goes on with the greateſt Expedition. The Ships under Repair have been turn'd out of the Docks, to make Room for thoſe lately ordered to fit.

CHARLES-TOWN, in *South Carolina*, *April* 8.

On the 21ſt of March laſt, died at Sheldon, (the Name of his Seat) aged 72 Years, wanting a few Days, the Hon. WILLIAM BULL, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

The following Words his Excellency Governor Glen made uſe of in a Speech he delivered in the Council Chamber at the Time of Mr. Bull's Funeral, to the principal Inhabitants of Charles Town, who attended his Excellency upon the mournful Occaſion, viz. "In whatever Light the Deceaſed "may be viewed, he will appear to Advantage: "But the many excellent Laws that he paſſed ſpeak "his Praiſe better than I am able. He was careful in paſſing theſe Laws; he was vigilant in "executing them; he procured Obedience to them, "not ſo much by the Weight of his Power, as by "the Authority of his own Practice, for no Man "was more obedient to the Laws than he himſelf. "You all have Reaſon to lament the Loſs of him, "but I moſt of all, for I was frequently benefitted "by following his Advice, more frequently by "imitating his Example, and when I could not "equal, I endeavoured to copy after him. I ſhall "bequeath this Advice to my Succeſſor, *(Littleton)* "*Go, and do thou likewiſe.*"

BOSTON, April 14.

On Thurſday laſt arrived here his Majeſty's Ship the Succeſs, of 20 Guns, John Rouſe, Commander, in three Days from Halifax.

The ſame Day being appointed for muſtering on the Common in this Town, the New-England Regiment, commanded by his Excellency, near 2000 came in on that Day, and the two following Days, and 'tis ſaid ſome Hundreds more are daily expected.

Laſt Thurſday Night, a young Woman at Watertown, was delivered of a Child alone in her Chamber, which ſhe afterwards carried down, and threw it into the Well, where it was found the next Morning, with ſeveral Marks of Violence on its Body. She is kept under a Guard, and will be committed to Goal as ſoon as ſhe can be ſafely removed.

By a Perſon which came Paſſenger in Captain Mackey, who is arrived at Salem, from the Weſt-Indies, we are informed, that in the Lat. of Bermuda, they met with a ſheath'd Brigantine Bottom upwards.

April 21. By a Letter from Jamaica, dated the Ninth of March laſt, we are informed, that Capt. Robins, of this Town, and the Captains Shuttleaf, Harlow and Bartlet, all of Plymouth, lately died at Jamaica, of the Small Pox; and that the Markets are ſo bad, that our Northern Produce ſcarcely fetches one Half of what it coſt here.

NEW-HAVEN, April 12.

On Monday the 31ſt of laſt Month, his Honour the Governor of this Colony, iſſued a Proclamation, by the Advice of the other Branches of the Legiſlature, for encouraging Men to enliſt in his Majeſty's Service: By this Proclamation each able-bodied Man is to have a Premium of 30s. lawful Money, or an Equivalent in Bills of Credit; and whoever provides himſelf a good Firelock, Sword or Hatchet, Belt and Cartridge box, to receive 19s. more, like Money, and a ſufficient Blanket, 14s. more: Thoſe who can't thus provide themſelves, to be provided for by the Colony, but the Arms to be returned when the Service is over; and for ſuch Arms as ſhall be inevitably loſt, the Treaſury is to pay: Each Man to have 26s. 8d. lawful Money per Month, reckoning 28 Days to each Month, and to have one Month's Wages Advance paid before they march.

NEW-YORK, April 21.

By Captain Bennet from Halifax, we are adviſed, that they are building four new Batteries there; and that every Thing is in the greateſt Forwardneſs for an approaching Campaign.

April 28.

Paragraph of a Letter from London of February 18, 1755, to a Gentleman in New-York.

"You will obſerve our Marine Affairs are in great Motion: great Diſpatch is made in all the Sea Ports in fitting them for immediate Service. The French are as active alſo in their Ports: What the Reſult will be Time only can ſhew. The Opinions concerning War or Peace are very various, as many think we have already diſcouraged the French from any Attempt they intended; and 'tis poſſible the French may be glad we ſhould think ſo, in order to lull us; but 'tis hoped we ſhall not be at this Expence without ſettling what Terms we muſt expect both in the Eaſt and in the Weſt. We this Week heard of our Six Men of War's ſafe Arrival at Madagaſcar, with the Tranſports in their Way to India, to protect the Settlements there. This News has enlivened that Stock; and indeed all the other Stocks, within theſe few Days, are on the Riſe, from a preſent Opinion that Affairs will be amicably made up; and what adds to this Opinion, is the King's Intention for Hanover in April next. 'Tis imagined alſo, that if Affairs are ſettled, that the Election of a King of the Romans will be fix'd, in order to keep Things quiet in Germany. But all theſe are political Conjectures; for ſhould any Acts of Hoſtility happen between the two Nations, either in Aſia or America, it may notwithſtanding draw on a War. Our Miniſtry at preſent differ; for we are told there is a ſtrong Party that oppoſe the pacific Diſpoſition of others, and ſay, the preſent Opportunity is a fair One to ſtrike a home Blow on the French Ambition. We ſhall be impatient to hear what is done in your Parts, for ſhould it prove ſucceſsful, it will have ſome Influence on Meaſures here. I think you can't be too much on the Defenſive in America, ſhould the French aim any Thing there, which at firſt was ſuppoſed to be their chief View. It appear'd very extraordinary that your ſeveral Governments ſhould continue ſo long inactive, when the Enemy were appproaching ſo near you: It looked as if there was no Property to defend, or that none car'd whether they loſt it or not. In ſhort, it appear'd the higheſt Folly to diſpute about Trifles, when Affairs of the higheſt Conſequence ſhould awake your Attention. Great Part of the Navy Debt 'tis ſaid will be paid off by the ſinking Fund, which will be generally approved of. The Parliament will riſe the latter End of March (if nothing material happens) and it is thought a Vote of Credit will be given to prevent any Surprize. Theſe Affairs are the general Subject of Converſation."

We hear that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint ——— POUNELL, Eſq; Secretary to the late Sir DANVERS OSBORNE, deceaſed, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New-Jerſey.

Laſt Monday Night a Sloop and a Schooner arrived here from the Eaſtward, with upwards of 100 Recruits for General Pepperell's Regiment; and ſeveral others, for the ſame Regiment, came to Town on Wedneſday and Saturday laſt, from New-Jerſey.

PHILADELPHIA,

PHILADELPHIA, *April* 24.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated February 22, 1755.

"*The French are equipping thirty Men of War, with the utmoſt Expedition, at Breſt, and have ſix Thouſand Troops in that Neighbourhood ready to embark; but this Fleet cannot poſſibly put to Sea before the Beginning of April, when Part of the Men of War, and all the Troops, are to be ſent to North-America, if our Differences are not adjuſted before, and they can eſcape our Fleet. The Propoſals for ſettling the Britiſh and French Diſputes in Aſia, Africa, and America, brought hither by the French Ambaſſador, were flatly rejected. And this Day our new Ambaſſador ſet out for Paris with our laſt Propoſals, which if the French will accept, every national Diſpute will be amicably adjuſted; but if they refuſe them, the Ambaſſador is to return, and War will immediately begin. Even for the latter Event we are quite ready, with reſpect to the Diſpoſition of every Briton, to our Finances, and to our Armaments. We have commiſſioned, and got ready to put to Sea, within the laſt Thirty Days, Five Ships of Ninety Guns, Twenty one of Seventy, Seven of Sixty, Three of Fifty, and Three of Forty four Guns; beſides Twenty Gun Ships, Sloops, &c. And Lord Albemarle's and Bockland's Regiments are now embarking on board Part of this Fleet at Spithead, to ſerve as Marines, or to land in North America, if there is Occaſion.*"

On Sunday laſt the Honourable James De Lancey, Eſq; Governor of New-York; and on Monday his Excellency William Shirley, Eſq; Governor of Boſton, and his Honour, our Governor, return'd here from the general Congreſs at Alexandria. At their entering the City, they were complimented with a Peal of the new Sett of Eight Bells in Chriſt Church Steeple. This muſical Peal was caſt by Leſter and Pack, who are at preſent the moſt noted and ingenious Artiſts of that Kind in England. They were hung by Nicholas Nicholſon, a Native of Yorkſhire, in a Manner the moſt convenient, and entirely new: And when a Clock for the Chimes is added, which he ſeems very deſirous of, they will be the compleateſt Sett in America.

They were likewiſe ſaluted with a Round of Twenty one Braſs Guns.

Governor De Lancey, after being here about two Hours, proceeded for New York: And we hear Governor Shirley ſets out this Day for Boſton.

May 1. *Laſt Week Capt. White arrived here in a ſhort Paſſage from Havre de Grace, and adviſes, that it was the general Opinion there that a War with England would ſoon enſue: That they had at Breſt Twenty five Frigates, and Twelve Thouſand Troops ready to embark, which were certainly deſtined for North America, and to be convoy'd by five Capital Ships, as ſoon as every Thing could be got ready for ſailing, which it was thought would be about the Middle of April: That while he lay in that Port (*18 *Days) there were above* 600 *Sailors ſent from thence towards manning the Fleet; and the Day he ſail'd, there was certain Advice that they had commiſſioned two Capital Ships more at Breſt.*

Capt. White further informs, that there were five Sail of Engliſh Men of War cruizing off of Breſt.

From Liſbon there is Advice, that the Land Tax in England is raiſed to Four Shillings in the Pound, the ſame as in the laſt War.

The Sloop Nelſon, Capt. Simpſom, bound to Jamaica from this Port, was caſt away on the Caicos, on the 12*th of March, the People and Cargo ſav'd.*

ANNAPOLIS.

Thurſday Morning laſt his Excellency General Braddock *left* Frederick-Town, *and is gone to the Army at* Wills's *Creek.*

Tueſday laſt his Excellency our Governor returned Home from the Weſtern Parts of this Province.

A Gentleman in London, *writes, in a Letter to his Friend in this Province,* "*The Armaments making in* France *and here, ſeem to threaten a War, but it is all* in terrorem *to each other, as the Reſult in all Probability will be a laſting Peace. Never ſince* Oliver's *Time, was ſuch Alacrity, Activity and Diſpatch ſeen, nor ſo formidable a Fleet equipp'd; none but Fighting Captains, of Courage try'd, each left to the Choice of their Lieutenants; Admirals to the Choice of their Captains; ſo that Unanimity is diffuſed through the whole: Such a Fleet may deſerve the Appellation, of* England's Bulwark, *and* Britain's Glory."

We are inform'd, by a Letter from London, *that the Ship* Wilſon, *Capt.* Matthew Spencer, *who left our Capes the* 26*th of* December *paſt, met with a very hard Gale of Wind when they had been out five Days, and in lying to in the Evening, between a N. W. and a S. W. Swell, ſhipp'd a Sea, which laid her down on her Beam Ends, and waſh'd overboard the Second Mate and Boatſwain, but the former only periſh'd; and alſo carried away her Barricadoes, Wheel, Binnacle, Companion, Boat, ſpare Topmaſts, &c. and they lay for five Hours in that Diſtreſs, expecting every Minute to be their laſt; but at length ſhe righted, and got ſafe Home.*

This Day was landed here from on board Capt. Chew, *for the Uſe of this City, a very fine Engine (made by* Newſham *and* Ragg, No. 1800) *which the Inhabitants laſt Year generouſly ſubſcrib'd for. It will throw Water* 156 *Feet perpendicular.*

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GOOCH, *Capt.* CHEW, *and to be SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store, formerly Mr.* Johnſon's, *in* ANNAPOLIS,

A VARIETY of *European* and *East India* GOODS, ſuitable to the Seaſon: Alſo Superfine SCARLET and BLUE CLOTH, GOLD LACE, GOLD and SILVER VELLUM, SAIL DUCK, *Weſton's* beſt SNUFF, *&c. &c.*

Daniel Wolſtenholme.

JAMES CHALMERS,

GOLD-SMITH,

LIVING between the Court-Houſe and Dr. *Steuart's*, in *Annapolis*, carries on that Buſineſs, where all Gentlemen and Others may depend on having all Sorts of Gold and Silver Work done in the neateſt and beſt Manner, and at the cheapeſt Rates, by

Their humble Servant,

James Chalmers.

The ſaid *Chalmers* having hired Negro *London*, a very good COOPER, all Perſons who may want any Cooper's Work done, may be aſſured of being ſerved with Care and Diſpatch, and in the beſt and cheapeſt Manner.

JOHN REEVES,

TAYLOR,

GIVES Notice to all his old Cuſtomers and Others, that he is removed from his late Shop, and carries on the ſaid Buſineſs near the Houſe where Mr. *Hammond*, the late Sheriff, liv'd, where all Gentlemen and Others may depend on being ſerv'd in the beſt and cheapeſt Manner, by *Their humble Servant,*

John Reeves.

N. B. The Subſcriber carries on the Buſineſs by himſelf.

RAN away, on the 21ſt of *April*, from the Subſcriber, living in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, an Apprentice Lad, named *William Kenley*, about 15 Years of Age, of a freſh Complexion, and has brown Hair: Had on when he went away, a Felt Hat, half worn Bearſkin Coat, green Napt Jacket, Buckſkin Breeches, white Shirt, Worſted Stockings, and good Shoes. Whoever takes up and ſecures ſaid Apprentice, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

William Dunlap.

N. B. It is ſuppoſed he is ſent off by his Father *Daniel Kenley*, Schoolmaſter in *Lancaſter*, to his Grandfather, —— *Wells*, in *Baltimore* County, *Maryland*, and is harbour'd by him, or ſome one of that Family.

STRAYED from the Subſcriber, living in *Annapolis*, about 3 Months ago, a ſmall old Sorrel Horſe, branded, but with what is uncertain, has ſome Saddle Spots on his Back, a Blaze in his Face, and has a ſlaxen hanging and ſtanding Mane. Whoever takes up the ſaid Horſe, and brings him to the Subſcriber, ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward, paid by

James Chalmers.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Richard Moore*, near *London Town*, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Mare, branded on the off Buttock thus M, about 14 Hands and a half high, has a bob Tail, and has been uſed to the Draught.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

RAN away on the 13th of *April* laſt, from the Subſcriber, living near *Bladenſburg*, in *Prince George's* County, a Servant Man, named *Nathanael Sherlard* (but may probably change his Name), by Trade a Carpenter and Joiner, a well ſet, clean limb'd Man, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a ſwarthy Complexion, has black Eyes, and a ſly Look. He has taken many Cloaths with him, both Men and Womens, ſome new Linen and Money, a Blanket and coarſe Sheet, alſo ſome Carpenters and Joiners Tools, ſuch as Chizzels, Saws, Broad Axe, a Smoothing Plane, *&c.* and a large Man's Saddle and Bridle; but as no Horſe is miſſing, it is ſuppoſed he had ſome Companion to help him to one.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Servant, and brings him to the Subſcriber, ſhall receive Four Piſtoles Reward, if taken within Forty Miles from Home; if taken at a greater Diſtance, Five Piſtoles Reward; and reaſonable Charges, paid by

Andrew Beall.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Henry Stevenſon*, near *Baltimore Town*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a likely, middle ſiz'd, Dark Brown Mare, with ſome Saddle Spots on her Back, and a few white Hairs in her Forehead, but has no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Jonathan Mullineux*, at *Elk Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Mare, with a Star in her Forehead, branded I D on the near Buttock, and has a long Sprig Tail.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

BY an Act of Aſſembly, made laſt *February* Seſſions, the Commiſſioners of the Paper Currency Office are directed to give public Notice to all the Debtors to the ſaid Office, to come and pay the Intereſt due upon their ſeveral Bonds, which they think they cannot do more to the Satisfaction of the Public, than by publiſhing the three ſubſequent Paragraphs of the aforeſaid Act. *Signed per Order of the Commiſſioners,*

Richard Dorſey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

" WHEREAS it is apparent that many " and great Sums of Money are and have " a long Time been due for Intereſt ariſing on " Loans, made by the Commiſſioners or Truſtees " of the Paper Currency Office;

" *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Lordſhip's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houſes of Aſſembly, and the Authority of the ſame,* That the ſaid Commiſſioners do, and they are hereby directed and required, forthwith, to give public Notice in the *Maryland* Gazette, that the ſeveral and reſpective Debtors to the ſaid Office, whether for Sums of Money collected upon Funds, or for Intereſt upon Bonds, or other Securities, do, by the Firſt Day of *June* next, bring, and pay into the ſaid Office, the ſaid ſeveral Sums ſo as aforeſaid reſpectively due.

" *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* That in Caſe ſuch Debtors as aforeſaid, ſhall not by the Time aforeſaid, bring and pay into the ſaid Office, the ſaid Sums, ſo as aforeſaid collected upon Funds, and due for Intereſt as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby directed and required, immediately, to proceed to the Recovery of Principal and Intereſt due on ſuch Bonds, agreeable to the Directions of an Act of Aſſembly, entituled, *An Act to prevent Evils ariſing from the entering up Judgments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds, to direct the Manner of iſſuing Executions on Loan-Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein mentioned*; and of other Securities, and ſuch Sums of Money as are or ſhall be collected upon Funds, as aforeſaid, according to Law."

N. B. They will attend conſtantly every Wedneſday for that Purpoſe.

Conformable

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Charles Beſley*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Horſe, with a Star in his Forehead, and a Snip on his Noſe, and is about 9 or 10 Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
TAYLOR,

GIVES Notice to all his old Cuſtomers, and Others, that he now carries on his Buſineſs, at his Shop near the Church, next Door below Mr. *Wallace*'s, and above Mr. *Johnſon*'s, in *Church-Street*, *Annapolis*, where all Gentlemen may depend on being well ſerved, in the neateſt, beſt, and cheapeſt Manner, as he has extraordinary good Hands; and conſtant Attendance will be given, by

Their humble Servant,
John Campbell.

For CORK *directly*,

The Brig ENDEAVOUR,
JOHN JONES,
Maſter,

A prime Sailer, with exceeding good Accommodations for Paſſengers,

WILL certainly ſail by the 20th Day of *May*. For Paſſage apply to the ſaid Maſter, or *William Gowane*, Merchant, in *Baltimore Town*.

April 24, 1755.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne Arundel* County, that (as very little of the County Tax has this Year been paid in Money) they are requeſted to pay off their Dues by the Tenth of *June* (the Time affix'd by Law) in Tobacco, that the Subſcriber may be enabled to pay the Officers and Clergy, in the limited Time, their reſpective Demands. And thoſe who do not ſettle, agreeable to Law, will oblige me to collect in a Way very diſagreeable to them and me: But as I cannot pay the Officers and Clergy, except the Public pays me, I muſt, in Juſtice to myſelf, do what the Law directs; which I am in Hopes every Gentleman will prevent, by complying with the Law. Conſtant Attendance will be given every Wedneſday and Thurſday at my Office, to ſettle with all Gentlemen; which will oblige *Their moſt humble Servant*,

John Raitt, Sheriff
of *Anne Arundel* County.

GAMALIEL BUTLER,

HAVING procured an exceeding good BLOCK-MAKER, from *Philadelphia*, carries on that Buſineſs in *Annapolis*, at the Shop lately kept by *Thomas Fleming*; and all Gentlemen who may want Blocks of any Sort, for Shipping, may depend on being ſerved in the beſt Manner, and at the cheapeſt Rates. He likewiſe makes and mends Pumps for Shipping and Wells; and alſo turns twiſted Ballifters and hollow Work.

WHEREAS *Elizabeth*, the Wife of the Subſcriber, living near *Manockſy*, hath eloped from him, and may probably run him in Debt: This is therefore to forewarn all Perſons againſt truſting the ſaid *Elizabeth*, on his Account, for he will pay no Debts of her contracting after this 23d Day of *April*, 1755.

Charles Nell.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Houſes and Lot late in the Poſſeſſion of *Thomas King* of this City, Shoemaker, deceaſed. For further Particulars apply to *Benjamin Welſh.*

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store near the Dock in* Annapolis, *at reaſonable Rates, wholeſale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco*,

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, ſuitable to the SEASON.

John Raitt.

THE Subſcribers having been a long Time confin'd in *Anne Arundel* County Priſon, for Debt, and not having wherewith to ſatisfy their Creditors, intend to apply to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for an Act for their Relief.

Thomas Todd,
Jaſper Hall,
Daniel Wells.

RICHARD BRYAN,
PILOT, in *Annapolis*,

WILL Pilot Ships from *Annapolis* into *Patapſco*, or from *Patapſco* to *Annapolis*, at Three Pounds Currency each; and from *Annapolis* to *Saſſafras*, *North-Eaſt*, or *Suſquehanna*, at Five Pounds each, and the ſame down again. And all Maſters and Commanders of Veſſels may depend on his Care and Skill, as he has been employ'd in that Buſineſs for ten Years paſt, and never yet met with any Diſaſter.

P. S. Any Commander who may want Piloting to *Cape-Henry* ſhall be Piloted thither for ſeven Piſtoles, by

Their humble Servant,
Richard Bryan.

LEFT, ſome Time ago, in the Store of Mr. *Jacques*, near the Dock, a good GREAT COAT, which is now at the Printing Office. The Owner of it may have it again, on deſcribing it, and paying the Charge of this Advertiſement.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GREYHOUND, *Capt.* ALEX. STEWART, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold, on board the ſaid Ship, by the Subſcriber, either by wholeſale or retail*,

GERMAN and *Iriſh* Linens, brown and white Sheeting, Oſnabrigs and brown Rolls, Lemons, refin'd Sugar, Cheeſe, *London* Porter and Ale, in Bottles and Caſk, Pickles, *viz.* Capers, Anchovies, Olives, and Catchup, beſt *Durham* Muſtard, and *Weſton*'s Snuff, Gloves and Mittens of all Sorts, Hats and Bonnets for Ladies, neweſt Faſhion fine Flawſe Tippets, *Scotch* Thread of all Sorts, Stocking Breeches and Waſtecoats 4 Thread, brown marbl'd and white Thread Stockings, ſeveral Sorts of hard Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware little inferior to China, *viz.* white Agate and Tortoiſe Plates and Diſhes, plain, ſcollop'd and flower'd, hand Baſons and Bottles, Fruit Baſkets, Salts, Coffee and Chocolate Cups, all Sorts of Milk Pans, Jugs, *&c.* Cordage and Oakam.

James Houſton.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in *Alexandria*, on the 26th of *March* laſt, an *Engliſh* Servant Man, named *James Large*, his Face is a little bruiſed and black: He had on a dark Claret colour'd Coat, lined with Alopeen, with Metal Buttons, a ſtrip'd Linſey Jacket, the Back and Front Parts, I believe, is of two Sorts, and a dark colour'd Pea working Jacket with Pewter Buttons, a Pair of light colour'd Breeches with Metal Buttons, and has a Hat and Wig. He went off on a ſmall Bay Horſe, has a Curb Bridle, and a Saddle but can't deſcribe it.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servant, and brings him and Horſe to the Subſcriber, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward, if taken in the County, if taken out of the County Two Piſtoles, beſide what the Law allows, paid by

John Dalton

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* JOHN WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* Annapolis *and* London-Town, *at reaſonable Rates, wholeſale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco*,

VARIETY of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, fit for the SEASON. Alſo Cordage, Cables, Anchors, Duck, and Ship Chandlery of all Kinds, *Weſton*'s and *Arnold*'s beſt Snuff, Window Glaſs 8 by 10, Quart Bottles, beſt *Florence* Oil, *&c. &c.*

James Dick.

THE Subſcriber intending to leave off Tavern-keeping, deſires thoſe who are indebted to him, to come and rub out their Scores, which will greatly oblige him.

N. B. He will ſtill live in the ſame Houſe and take in Gentlemen at private Lodgings, where they ſhall be well accommodated, by

Their humble Servant,
Charles Wallace.

For *Charles-Town*, in *So. Carolina*,

The SHIP
FRIENDSHIP,
JOHN RATTRAY,
Maſter;

Now lying in *Weſt* River, and will ſail in a few Days. She has extraordinary Accommodations for Paſſengers. For Paſſage agree with ſaid Maſter.

HAVING already ſundry Times advertiſed in this *Gazette*, of which but little Notice has been taken; I find myſelf obliged *once more*, to give public Notice, That all Perſons on the Weſtern Shore of *Maryland* indebted to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Eſq; and Company, of *Philadelphia*, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment; and that Attendance will be given at Mr. *Middleton*'s in *Annapolis*, the firſt Week in the Provincial Court in *May* next, to receive the ſame.

William Young.

LENT, but forgot to whom, one of the Bodies of Laws of this Province. On the Title Page is wrote *Robert Gordon*. Whoever has got it, is deſired to return it to the Printer hereof.

February 27, 1755.

ALL Perſons indebted to *Richard Gildart*, Eſq; and Sons, of *Liverpool*, Merchants, for Dealings with their ſeveral Factors within this Province, are deſired to ſettle their reſpective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due to, the Subſcriber, now Agent to the ſaid Company, at *Oxford*, before the firſt Day of *July* next, otherwiſe they may expect to be dealt with, for Recovery thereof, as the Laws, in that Caſe made and provided, direct: And all Perſons who have any Demands on the ſaid Company, are deſired, in that Time, to apply for Payment to

Thomas Brereton.

By whom is to be Sold, at *Oxford*, a large Aſſortment of *European* GOODS, on reaſonable Terms.

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, laſt Night, at *Joppa*, *John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has loſt ſome of his fore Teeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, ſhall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

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